

## TRIBUTE TO VIC BELGER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Vic Belger. Mr. Belger was inducted into the Creston High School Hall of Fame as Faculty Representative on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

Vic served as guidance counselor, driver's education teacher and head baseball coach in Creston for two decades starting in the early 1980's. His overall record as head baseball coach was 920–319, which ranks 27th all-time nationally for career victories. He also coached basketball at Creston for 9 seasons. He was named Iowa Coach of the year in 1990 and was inducted into the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1995. Vic and his wife, Pat, now live in Waukee, Iowa, where they attend their grandchildren's activities and Vic still teaches driver's education.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Vic Belger for this award, and for providing the youth in Iowa's Third District the education and direction that they will need to be successful. I am proud to represent him and Creston Community Schools in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Vic Belger and wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING BATTALION CHIEF  
JAMES NELSON**HON. ANDY BIGGS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, today, I honor the life of my constituent Mr. James Nelson. Mr. Nelson dedicated his life to public service, his community, and first and foremost, his family. He will be greatly missed by everyone that was lucky enough to know him in the East Valley.

James grew up in Tempe, Arizona where he played football and basketball for Marcos De Niza High School. His competitive nature and out-going personality led to future success in leadership positions in his 25-plus-year career serving others. He began his fire service career in the East Valley and was a founding member of the Gilbert Fire Department in 1993. For most of his professional life he served as Captain, later promoted to Battalion Chief.

James was a consummate professional and mentor to many other fire fighters. It is hard to imagine how many lives have been improved because of James' guidance and advice. He was a pillar of strength for his family, friends, and the fire service. I express my sincere condolences to his wife Kerry, his three daughters, Sydney, Shelby, and Shealy, his parents Ken and Nancy Nelson, his brother Paul Nelson, his sisters Sherri Nelson and Tricia Nelson and his other surviving family members.

IN HONOR OF JILL TANNER FOR  
NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Jill Tanner, an ovarian cancer survivor from Owensboro, Kentucky. September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Ovarian cancer accounts for 2.5 percent of cancers in women, and sadly, the American Cancer Society estimates that this year, about 22,240 new cases will be diagnosed in the United States. Jill has taken her experience fighting ovarian cancer and has become a fierce advocate for funding and research to fight this disease. I have met with Jill on a number of occasions to discuss what more Congress can do to help those with ovarian cancer, and I want to thank her for her advocacy.

## TRIBUTE TO LOUISE SIMPSON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Louise Simpson of Shenandoah, Iowa on her 100th birthday. Mildred celebrated her birthday on September 11, 2018.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Louise's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Louise has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-five Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Louise in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Louise on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING WHITE PLAINS  
HOSPITAL**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor White Plains Hospital as it hosts its 125th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, September 29, 2018.

White Plains Hospital is a not-for-profit health care organization aimed at providing quality and affordable health care to Westchester County and the surrounding areas. In the year following its founding in 1893 by 22

women and three men, the hospital treated 31 patients. Today, it has a staff of 1,100 and treats more than 200,000 patients a year. White Plains Hospital has truly become a cornerstone of our community.

White Plains Hospital not only provides both inpatient and outpatient services, but also aims to improve the health care of the local and professional communities and the business sector. It greatly expanded access to care by opening locations across Westchester County with excellent physicians in, but not limited to, primary care, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, oncology, dermatology, geriatrics, cardiology, medical & surgical specialties, and urgent care.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have worked alongside White Plains Hospital to support quality health care for area residents. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this organization and applauding its 125 years of service to our community as it celebrates this quasiquintennial anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLAN  
BORSARI AND CHILDREN'S CAR-  
DIOMYOPATHY AWARENESS  
MONTH**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sincere recognition of Ashlan Borsari of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and to recognize September as Children's Cardiomyopathy Awareness Month.

Ashlan Borsari was diagnosed at birth with a rare, chronic, and degenerative heart disease called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. By the time Ashlan reached kindergarten, her heart had left her barely able to climb a flight of stairs, and keeping up with her friends was impossible. Ashlan underwent her first open heart surgery at the age of five, and for the next nine years, she lived close to a typical life. Unfortunately, at the age of 14, she experienced a series of sudden cardiac arrests which required her to be revived through CPR. Ashlan was airlifted to Boston Children's Hospital where doctors implanted an internal defibrillator.

Children and infants diagnosed with cardiomyopathy face some of the worse outcomes in pediatric cardiology. Forty percent of patients diagnosed with pediatric cardiomyopathy die at a young age or undergo a heart transplant within the first two years of their diagnosis. Despite this, little is known about the causes of this disease and there currently is no cure. While there is tremendous variation in symptoms among the four different types of cardiomyopathy, each case poses enormous challenges and dangers to those who suffer from the disease. As Members of Congress, we need to do all that we can to get the word out about this little understood, yet life-threatening autoimmune disease.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Ashlan Borsari for her remarkable spirit and perseverance, and in recognizing September as Children's Cardiomyopathy Awareness Month. Her story reminds us that through education, awareness, and research, we can better understand pediatric cardiomyopathy. I